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VIA ECF

Hon. Lorna G. Schofield
United States District Judge
Thurgood Marshall
United States Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, New York 10007

August 9, 2016

United States v. Carlos Jose ZAVALA VELASQUEZ
15 Cr. 174 (LGS)

Dear Judge Schofield:

This letter is to advise the Court that I have been retained to represent Carlos Jose Zavala Velasquez in connection with the above-referenced matter. I am filing my Notice of Appearance ECF today.

Mr. Zavala is currently represented by Jill R. Shellow, Esq. It is my request, therefore, that Ms. Shellow be relieved and that I be permitted to represent this defendant. To that end, it is my understanding that the Court will want to schedule a conference to address the issue. Ms. Shellow advises that she can be available for that purpose next week, if the Court will permit.

Respectfully submitted,



HOWARD LEADER

cc: all Counsel of record (VIA EMAIL AND ECF)